

The Catholic Cantor

Please join us for First Friday in September

-First one of the year! The 4th at

Our Lady of the Lake in Southwick, MA.

Mass at 11pm.

Father Henry follows this with Adoration and makes Confession available.

We'll gather in the pavilion if the weather is still good for Grace and lunch. Kids may enjoy the outdoors. Moms may sell/trade their used books.

Please introduce yourself ! Always bring an activity to share and your own lunch. Always watch your own children or, if the children split into groups, be sure you know which parent is watching your children especially outside, at confession, or in the lounge area. Take care of the facility and leave it better than it was. Thank Father for making the Sacraments available to us!

To help contact Christine Hebert 315-9999 on music, Karen Ford 642-4623 on reading or serving altar.

If those who are regulars at any First Friday make plans for specific activities we will post them.

Prayer intentions of the Pope

June 2009

General: That international attention towards the poorer countries may give rise to more concrete help, in particular to relieve them of the crushing burden of foreign debt.

Mission: That the particular Churches operating in regions marked by violence may be sustained by the love and concrete closeness of all the Catholics in the world.

July 2009

General: That the Christians of the Middle East may live their faith in full freedom and be an instrument of peace and reconciliation.

Mission: That the Church may be the seed and nucleus of a humanity reconciled and reunited in God's one and only family, thanks to the testimony of all the faithful in every country in the world.

August 2009

General: That public opinion may be more aware of the problem of millions of displaced persons and refugees and that concrete solutions may be found for their often tragic situation.

Mission: That those Christians who are discriminated against and persecuted in many Countries because of the name of Christ may have their human rights, equality and religious freedom recognized, in order to be able to live and profess their own faith freely.

Other First Friday's with Homeschoolers:

Hadley First Friday:

12:00 Lunch and fellowship

12:30 craft/story

1:15 confessions

1:45 Mass

2:30- 8 adoration

The address is 120 Russell St (RT 9), Hadley.

Contact info: Debby Cook gcook6255@charter.net

Most Holy Redeemer Church 413-584-1326

Warren First Friday (and Daily)

8:30 AM St Paul's

For Latin Mass contact Karen Walsh

413-283-9373

St. Stanislaus B & M Lower Basilica

566 Front St

Chicopee, MA 01020

11 AM Confession

12 PM Mass

(Daily)

Summer Homeschool Birthdays!

Enjoy your special days!

June

30th Sarah Wilcox

3rd Isabella Moser

4th Jennifer Simone

10th Margaret O'Brien

14th Armand Hebert

22nd Joseph Mongeau

23rd Eliza Moser

July

2nd Andrew Laverdiere

3rd John Henle

5th John (Bub) Walsh

11th Zoë Brazeau

14th Jonathan Gallagher

21st Stephen Hebert

23rd Rachel Seaver

30th Kelly Walsh

August

2nd Claire Seaver

10th Danielle Collins

11th Mary Seaver

18th Theresa Strain

23rd Elizabeth Mongeau

25th Jared Yetts

New Moms--- send in your child's special day!

**Western Massachusetts Catholic Homeschoolers
Statement of Purpose**

Our families come together in order to support each other, as obedient Roman Catholics, and to bring the Catholic way of life to greater fruition and brilliance in our homes.

We have as our foundation, and the guiding principle of all our activities, fidelity to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, especially to our pope, Benedict XVI, Vicar of Christ.

Thus we affirm the Magisterium on contraception and other life issues as central to our mission as families. As emphasized in the Second Vatican Council, we parents have a most solemn obligation to educate our offspring. Therefore we are the primary educators of our children. As lay faithful, we are dedicated to promoting home education among Catholic families and to support those families who are engaged in providing their children's primary education at home.

For further information, call Jane Seaver at (413)- 786-0691 or email her at seaverclan@comcast.net or wmch@crossfire.org Visit <http://crossfire.org/covenant/> or wmch.stblogs.com

If you would like to receive The Catholic Cantor by snail-mail, **please send your name address and \$9 per year to cover the annual newsletter costs to WMCH 74 Pearl St. Holyoke, MA 01040. An email attachment can be sent instead for \$5 per year or download from the web site.**

We would be happy to send a complimentary copy of the Cantor to any homeschool family or future homeschool family by email. (We count on donation to send them by Mail.)

To submit an article for publication please contact Mary Brazeau 74 Pearl St. Holyoke, MA 01040 (413) 533-0045 brazeaus@cmcast.net or at WMCH@crossfire.org

A Pro Life Rosary is prayed every second Thursday for an end to Abortion and for all babies and mothers visiting Planned Parenthood that day. Meet at St. Michael's Cathedral at 10 AM to carpool to Planned Parenthood.

Return for 12:10 PM Mass.
Contact Marilyn Stearns 567-6085.

Please help *Bethlehem House*,

Currently they are looking for donations of nice, used bassinets or cribs with spaces between the bars **MUST BE 2 1/4 inches or less.**

THIS IS A STATE LAW..

Baby clothes and maternity clothes can also be helpful as well as diapers. There are volunteer and fundraising opportunities.

New Website at Yahoo groups:

This is a clearing house of information on Homeschool activities of all sorts but especially those of interest to Catholic families. It is sponsored by Western Mass Catholic Homeschoolers who have a site at wmch.stblogs.com and just ran the first New England Catholic Homeschool Conference on June 6, 2009 in Chicopee, MA.

Support groups throughout NE may add their information in Files, Links and Database. Update annually or it may be removed. You may post information on the calendar as well.

Members should choose the Daily Digest version. Reply off group whenever possible.

Please include City, State, time, cost, ages/grades, date w/year and contact person for every event listing.

To subscribe send an email to:

NewEnglandCatholicHomeschool-subscribe@yahogroups.com or go to Yahoo.com and click on groups. Then search for New England Catholic Homeschooler.

St. Joseph's Corner

Please pray for the Strain and Kowal families.

St. Gerard

Thanks giving for the over 20 babies present at the Conference!

Prayer Chain (Our Website also has a Prayer Request corner.)

Call Pat at 788-4342 Pray for everyone reporting their children's progress to their Superintendent and planning for next year. Pray that we all have safe, healthy, happy and Holy summer vacations.

Please pray for wisdom on the parts of leaders here and abroad with respect to the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child. We all want children to be cared for and protected but there is great concern that this treaty would undermine the parent's ability to choose what is best and possibly make homeschooling illegal. For more information go to parentalrights.org

Our day in Pictures- the first New England Catholic Homeschool Conference!

View at wmch.stblogs.com

In the Auditorium/Registration Room

8:30 Registration Hall Opens

People began arriving early. In the last 2 weeks **over 50 people emailed** that they hoped to attend making things busy– but fun!

9:15 AM Opening Prayer We opened with the Sign of the Cross and offered our day to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His Mother in her Immaculate Heart with true gratitude! Then a little information and direction and everyone chose either the Vendor room, New Homeschoolers work shop or Leadership Workshop

9:30 AM New Homeschoolers Workshop Moderated by Patrice MacArthur, editor at Catholic Exchange and contributor for Spiritual Woman. Also present will be Karen Ford of Write Guide who is also a contributor to Catholic Exchange.

Jeanette introduced Traditions of Roman Catholic Homes as a resource for homeschool leaders. NH, Ct, RI and Mass leaders listen in the workshop/Art History Classroom

9:30 AM TORCH Leaders from Traditions of Roman Catholic Homes facilitate a discussion among support group leaders throughout New England covering topics such as organization, communication, pitfalls and of course how membership in TORCH can help. We had Carmen Ana Klosterman, Regional Director for the East Coast and Jeanette Cohn, Associate Directors of the National organization. Their Bios are available at http://www.torchhomeschooling.org/about_torch.php?page=board

Our own Teri Breguet was MC. She is a homeschool mom and works for our Diocesan newspaper The Observer, and its television magazine show Real to Reel.



“Family Life and the Love of Learning” Presented by Dr. William Edmund Fahey President of Thomas More College

"Should I pose?" Everyone was excited and nervous and yet good humor filled the day! Dr. Fahey was warm, humble and spoke from the heart as a homeschool father and a college professor. Some serious grenades were launched at us: 1- Homeschooling is hard and stressful, especially on the mothers because it is not natural. We are political creatures (in the Socratic sense), and not all have the vocation of teacher. The fact that we had an empty Catholic school available for rent is evidence of the implosion of the Catholic Education system and vocations. 2- Husbands must make the time to be involved in the homeschool and seen by their children as readers and learners or they have divorced themselves from that part of their family.

Mary Brazeau announces Door Prizes will be after Cindy's talk and introduces Catherine O'Keefe, long time friend of Cindy, music teacher, and wife of Tim O'Keefe of Fullness of Truth Apostolate Radio program. Catherine O'Keefe introduced her friend Cynthia Montanaro as one deeply committed to her family and her church; one willing to tackle the toughest discussion yet who never has uttered an uncharitable word. The Homeschooling Family and the Church Militant

Cindy, a lifelong Catholic, is a mother and grandmother, retired after a 25 year homeschooling career. She pursued a liberal arts education at Thomas Aquinas College in California and has continued this interest in the classical method and the Great Books. She has written for Catholic magazines and newspapers, taught in various capacities at the parish level and has recently completed a memoir of her youngest son Tim, entitled Diary of a Country Mother. Cynthia is a secular Carmelite, happily married for 32 years to Andrew and lives in rural Blandford, Massachusetts. Cindy discussed her boys, her vocation Andrew and the sudden loss of her youngest son Tim which ended her homeschool experience. Those of us who met her son can't imagine her strength! Thank you for taking time to tell us about him the day before the 4th anniversary of his death. We are honored to have known Tim.

12 PM Speaker: Jean Golden-Tevald, D. O., FCP, CFCMC Accepting God's Call with Grace

Jean's life includes Medical school, private practice and missionary work, marriage, children, adoption, and homeschooling. She tells us, "I took a sabbatical from practice in 1997 to homeschool our daughter (then 11 and in 6th grade), middle son (then 8 and in 2nd grade) and youngest son (then 6 and in 1st grade). In September 1999, we went to Russia and brought home two daughters (10 ½ and 9) and a son (7). I homeschooled all of them for the first year, then we started the round robins of trying to meet the educational needs of them all. We went back to Russia for one more girl (at age 10) in 2003. The 4 Russian children are full siblings. I homeschooled through 2005, by that September, everyone had returned to school in one form or another. Our biggest challenges were meeting the special needs of the children, from very gifted to severely learning disabled (not to mention learning a new language!). I learned a lot!" She runs MorningStar Family Health Center where she is a certified FertiltyCare practitioner offering Family care, Creighton NFP and NaPro Technology.

We also had Nick Morganelli, Making Music, Magdalen College and a beautiful Adoration Hour as well as Mass.

In total we had 166 paying adults, about 20 babies, 40 working Vendor tables plus the Challenge and San Damiano teens and families who helped and several volunteers with no homeschool connection besides us!

To my Dear, patient, hardworking friends,

I cannot completely express my gratitude for your help this year with the Conference. I'm honored that you trusted that Christine and I were following the Spirit and put in so much work. Just to keep you up to date: We gave an honorarium to each of our speakers, and a small thank you to non homeschoolers who helped. Challenge made enough money for their Advent retreat and more. We were able to make a donation to the San Damiano Youth, and ministries we share space with: Ministry with the Deaf and Hands Together. Many of the supplies we purchased can be reused. We have enough funds to improve the website, deposit on a facility and deposit on a nationally known speaker.

Our plans include having a teen track, taking advantage of the offers of help from other support groups, including more family resources, pushing for more curriculum providers and finding nationally known "New Englanders" to be speakers. We are praying hard for a facility that has room for at least 10 more tables, is handicap accessible, has more electricity, and more parking with out leaving the region. We are praying to book a location before summer is out!

You are each a blessing! God given to me from the Sacred Heart of our Lord!

Mary Brazeau

Western Mass. Catholic Homeschoolers Membership 2009- 2010
Membership includes monthly newsletter, email updates, Nominating and voting for Board of Directors, also access to our private page on The Coffee House <http://crossfire.org/covenant/>

Checks payable to Western Mass Catholic Homeschoolers.

I have included:

_____ \$9 for the mail version _____ \$5 for the Internet download or _____ \$5 for email attachment of newsletter

_____ \$5 for a business card size ad Christmas and Easter. _____ \$10 for a quarter page ad Christmas and Easer.

_____ \$ _____ donation toward free newsletter for Priests and those in need.

Family Name: _____ Renewal or New Family (Please circle)

Address: _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

phone: _____ Unlisted? Yes/no _____ email: _____

website: _____ on Facebook? Yes/No _____

family business: _____

Send money to WMCH 74 Pearl St Holyoke, MA by First Friday June 5th for September '09 –June '10

Be sure to mail or email your children's birthdays.

Consider a Gift subscription to a grandparent, pastor or local supportive business.

We will give one free issue to anyone interested in homeschooling.

If you are in co-op:

Please include \$20 per family down payment toward \$35 per year Co-op fee.

Available in fall:

Western Mass Catholic Homeschoolers:

Offers: website, email updates, National History Day Fair to be moved to November, Annual Science Fair in April, Bowling and Roller-skating, Drama etc.

Go to <http://www.wmhomeschoolers.org/> to register.

Challenge:

Challenge is a Catholic peer led club for girls aged 10 -16. It offers formation in the faith in a fun format with a wonderful group of girls! Challenge is always fun but it's about faith and leadership skills. We want to build up the future women of our church!

Challenge will meet at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills this year. It is at the intersection of Mill and Springfield streets about 1/2 mile up from Line Street. (Use the Mill St. Exit off Rte 57) We plan to meet every Tuesdays at 3: 00. Please call Jane Seaver if you plan to come to the meeting on the 16th or if you have any questions. (786-0691)

San Damiano Youth—a Youth group for everyone! Go to sandamianoyouth.org and read Fr. Marek’s message or visit the 6PM Mass on most Saturdays at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Basilica on Front St in Chicopee, MA.

We are looking forward to a great year!

From the email:

Mary,

Could you get this info out to the Homeschool group. I know that the Church History that Brian Kelly will be teaching is the Story of the church that Seton uses, but he will be supplementing with the Didache book (I am not sure which one...Christine Laverdiere used it with Danielle)

This website has the Didache series for a much lower cost than elsewhere. I have used them and been very pleased. They offer a homeschool discount. They also have a weekly e-mail that offers discounts on different product lines and shipping.

Christine

These can be found at <http://www.acbooks.net/>

Search for Didache after entering the store. There is a discount for homeschoolers. There are weekly specials.

Over the Summer:

Mrs. Pitoniak has give the co-op families a copy of the book [How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization](#) by Thomas E Woods, Jr., Ph. D. with the intention of helping us prepare our children, before college, for the arguments against the church they *will* face in college. Also available is the video of Dr. Woods series on EWTN which goes with the book.

The Towsley’s would be willing to host viewings of the video at their home on certain Saturday evenings after the 6PM San Damiano Youth Mass at St Stanislaus. If interested contact Peggy at 732-6153 or trinity33@comcast.net

This is our tentative schedule. Mondays- all co-op - at Sacred Heart. Tuesdays - just high school/junior high - at the Towsley’s in West. Springfield:

- Tuesday September 8
- Monday Sept. 14 Tuesday Sept 15;
- Monday Sept 21 Tuesday Sept.22;
- Monday Sept.28 Tuesday Sept 29;
- Monday Oct. 5 Tuesday Oct. 6
- Monday Oct. 19 Tuesday Oct. 20
- Monday Oct. 26 Tuesday Oct. 27
- Monday Nov. 2. Tuesday Nov. 3
- Monday Nov. 9. Tuesday Nov. 10
- Monday Nov. 16. Tuesday Nov. 17
- Monday Nov. 23. Tuesday Nov. 24
- Monday Nov. 30. Tuesday Dec. 1
- Monday Dec 7. Tuesday Dec 8
- Monday Dec 14. Tuesday Dec 15
- Monday Dec 21. Tuesday Dec 22
- Monday Jan. 4. Tuesday Jan 5
- Monday Jan. 11. Tuesday Jan 12
- Tuesday Jan 19
- Monday Jan. 26. Tuesday Jan 26
- Monday Feb 1. Tuesday Feb 2
- Monday Feb 8. Tuesday Feb 9
- Monday Feb 22. Tuesday Feb 23
- Monday March 1. Tuesday March 2
- Monday March 8. Tuesday March 9
- Monday March 15. Tuesday March 16
- Monday March 22. Tuesday March 23
- Monday April 12. Tuesday April 13
- Monday April 19. Tuesday April 20
- Monday April 26. Tuesday April 27
- Monday May 3. Tuesday May 4
- Monday May 10. Tuesday May 11
- Monday May 17. Tuesday May 18
- Monday May 24. Tuesday May 24
- Tuesday June 1
- Monday June 7. Tuesday June 8

Monday 32/ Tuesday 35

Classes offered so far....

High/Jr High School Monday:

High School/Junior High Monday

Science Jim Pitoniak \$5 weekly Teacher notebook 18

Art History Patrice MacArthur \$30 or supply list

Knitting Sue Hill

Literature Karen Ford: "Where the Red Ferns Grow"" Lilies of the Field" "Merchant of Venice" Plus a research paper.

Latin Kelley Walsh Latina Christiana I \$3 weekly=1 student or \$5 family teacher notebook index cards/holder 11

N.B.

Some of these are still in fluctuation so feel free to add your ideas, volunteer to teach etc. Call Peggy or MaryKate before buying books!

High School/Junior High Tuesday

Algebra I Peggy Towsley Saxon Algebra I/DIVE DVD notebook

Church History Brian Kelley "The Story of the Church"

"History of the Church" Didache Series (only purchase answer book) notebook

Apologetics Lynda Collins "Beginning Apologetics" books 1-6 Ignatius Bible and "Catechism of the Catholic Church"

Literature Study Art Laurencio and guests First book: Faith and Reason and the War against Jihadism: A Call to Action

Read first book over summer: some already available at SonRises

Activity Period Rotates Topics: Wilderness survival skills: Bill Falcones ProLife: Kelly Walsh/Mike Strain Sports

Preschool /Elementary /Middle kids

Arrival/Prayer/Announcements			
Music	Art History w/Patrice MacArthur		\$20 art fee
Stories/ Signing	"Christian Kids Explore Chemistry" by Robert Ridlon Jr Bright Ideas Press w/Linda Collins	"Concepts & Challenges in Physical Science 2nd Ed."w/ Jim Pitoniak	Pay Teacher \$5 per week Book: by Bernstein Schachter Winkler Wold from Globebook Co
Crafts	Catholic Geography Bee from CHC (1per family) w/Mary Brazeau or _____ Need a notebook with both blank and lined pgs.	EIW w/ Karen Ford or Mary Brazeau w/video Need \$15 student binder, divider tabs, lined paper, pencils	May need to contribute to copying fee!
Dismissed if siblings also done		? Latin	

Mandatory Parent Meeting for 09-10 Co-op on Tuesday August 25th 7 PM

Location to be announced!

The Co-op is reaching its final version and deposits may be made to Peggy Towsley of \$20 per family payable to WMCH. Cost will be in Total: \$35 per family toward building use plus required books and materials. Certain teachers have a per week fee.

At this moment there are no empty slots. If another co-op group forms and has open admission we will pass along the information. We will keep a waiting list. You have received an email about the coop *if* we know about you. If you didn't receive it or can't find it call Peggy/ MaryKate immediately.

New homeschoolers who would like to co-op with other moms: email Mary at brazeaus@comcast.net

To discuss the High School (and capable Junior High) classes contact Peggy Towsley at 732-6153 or trinity33@comcast.net To discuss the Pre-K to 7th Grade Classes contact MaryKate Henle at 737-0347 or JHenle4991@aol.com Science, Catholic geography/History, Music and other classes available.

It would be best to talk to them before the purchase of your books.

Mr. Pitoniak suggests that last year's Science students *and* those joining him this year do the following over the summer:

read Ch 21-24 in Physical science Prentice Hall. Do experiments 58, 59 (maybe even 60) in the Lab Book. Take notes!

Also look up and define: Red Shift, Absorption Spectrum, Doppler effect with light, Bright line spectrum and Dark line spectrum. Please email Peggy when done, if you need to borrow the book or if you cannot fit it in your summer.

What it took to get an 8th grade education in 1895..

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895? This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas, USA . It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, KS - 1895**Grammar (Time, one hour)**

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of "lie," "play," and "run."
5. Define case; illustrate each case.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
7. - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time, 1 hour 15 minutes)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs. for tare?
4. District No 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6,720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per metre?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

Orthography (Time, one hour)

[Do we even know what this is??]

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.'
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane , vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America.
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

Notice that the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete.

Gives the saying "he only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?



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The Priest's Corner-

Lord Bless those ordained so that we might have access to the Sacraments!

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a Year of the Priest to inspire the search for spiritual perfection in our priests.

Please send us the name of priests in need of prayer: your pastor, confessor, relative, a missionary you support. And include seminarians! By email: wmch@crossfire.org

We begin of course with our Bishop Timothy McDonnell and retired Bishop Joseph F. Maguire.

Fr. Victor Carrier is the pastor of Holy Cross in Springfield (Perkins and Henle families) Towsley's attend St. Stan's, and I think the Kelly's do as well. Priests

at St. Stan's are Fr. Michael Zielke (pastor), Fr. Marek Stybor, Fr. Mieczyslaw Wit, Fr. Piotr Tymko Fr. Bill Tourigny is at Ste. Rose in Chicopee

Fr. Henry Dorsch is at Our Lady of the Lake in Southwick Mary has a brother Fr. James F. Murphy CSB in Toronto.

Laverdiere's and Brazeau's are at Holy Cross Holyoke with Fr. Roland Galipeau, Fr. Francis X. Sullivan (retired) and seminarian Matt Guidi.

Fr. Marek was very excited to hear that we were beginning prayer for our priests!

And let's not forget: From the Diocesan website:

Currently, there are 61 active Deacons serving in our diocese. In addition, We have 14 candidates were ordained 5/09/09. We have 13 aspirants who started their 2nd year in Formation this past August and God willing, will be ordained in May of 2011. We are also in the final stages of accepting members for the Class of 2013.

***Please note we will have as many as 28 seminarians by September! Also Gabriella Dufresne is working with Fr Gary Daily to cover the cost to send **TWO** seminarians with a Priest to the summer Conference at Steubenville each June. Send Contributions (as small as \$1) to
26 Gilbert St West Springfield, MA 01089***